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SUBJ: FIRST INKATHA-PROGREF MEETING ON "ALLIANCE"

REF: A. DURBAN 052, 055 B. DURBAN A-3

1. (UNCLASSIFIED) INITIAL FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN INKATHA AND PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY ON "ALLIANCE" QUESTIONS (REFS A) TOOK PLACE MARCH 30 IN DURBAN. INKATHA GROUP WAS HEADED BY INKATHA SECGEN DR. SIBUSISO BENGU. PRP TEAM, LED BY PARTY'S NATIONAL CHAIRMAN RAY SWART, INCLUDED MP DICK ENTHOVEN, NATAL UNIV MEDICAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL J.V.O. REID, AND PARTY MEMBERS ANDREW WILSON AND PERCY THOMAS. PRESS STATEMENT AFTER MEETING SIMPLY SAID MEETING TOOK PLACE TO FIND "COMMON GROUND", ENDED ON CONGENIAL NOTE AND THAT FURTHER MEETINGS WERE PLANNED.

2. MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY SOUR EPISODE IN WHICH INKATHA REPS WERE SHADOWED BY SA POLICE FROM STANGER TO DURBAN, ARRESTED ON DURBAN OUTSKIRTS AND TAKEN TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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FOR QUESTIONING BEFORE BEING ALLOWED TO PROCEED TO MEETING. ACCORDING TO DR. BENGU, POLICE QUESTIONED INKATHA GROUP ABOUT BLACK UNITED FRONT POSTER DISPLAYED IN BACK WINDOW OF THEIR VEHICLE. BENGU CLAIMED THAT INCIDENT WOULD PRODUCE STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN BLACKS AND POLICE. DURBAN SECURITY POLICE COMMANDER (COL. STEENKAMP) SUBSEQUENTLY DENIED HE HAD ORDERED BENGU'S GROUP TO BE FOLLOWED OR THAT SECURITY POLICE WERE

INVOLVED.

3. (BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) RAY SWART, PRP DEPUTY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH INKATHA, TOLD CONGEN APRIL 4 THAT MEETING HAD BEEN ENTIRELY PRO FORMA WITH NO REAL ISSUES DISCUSSED. INKATHA PARTY REPORTEDLY SAID THEIR SEVENTEEN PRINCIPLES FOR DISCUSSION (REF B) WERE STILL UNDER REVIEW BY INKATHA RANK AND FILE AND NO COMMITMENTS COULD BE MADE PRIOR TO CONCLUSION OF THA EXERCIZE. SWART ADDED INKTHA GROUP WAS EXTREMELY UPSET BY THEIR HANDLING BY POLICE JUST PRIOR TO MEETING. SWART FELT THAT DESPITE ANY REAL SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE, MEETING HAD SERVED A USEFUL PURPOSE OF PERMITTING PARTICIPANTS TO GET FEEL OF EACH OTHER PRELIMINARY TO MORE MEATY FUTURE MEETINGS.

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